Justification and Relevance of Deleting Rule 3(b) of Memorandum of Association and Rules of KVS

*549. SHRI PARAG CHALIHA:
SHRI JALALUDIN ANSARI:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to refer to the answer to Starred Question 266 given in the Rajya Sabha on 3rd July, 1998 and state:

(a) what was the need justification and relevance of deleting Rule 3 (b) for accommodating representatives of SC, ST and women;

(b) whether Government are contemplating revival of Rule 3 (b) so that the employees' representatives could be nominated on Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan and its Board of Governors; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI): (a) to (c) The deletion of Rule 3 (b) of the Memorandum of Association and Rules of the Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan (KVS) was decided during consideration of a proposal from the Parliamentary Committee on the welfare of Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes on the Ministry of Human Resource Development, Department of Education to provide for nomination of SC and ST members on the Board of Governors of KVS. While considering this proposal the Board of Governors of KVS in their meeting on September 6, 1993 decided to amend Rule 3(a) (xvi) and (xvii) to provide for four instead of 'two other educationists' to be nominated by the Ministry of Human Resource Development out of which at least one would be from among S.Cs and one from among S.Ts. It was also considered that the then existing provision in Rule 3(b), if retained, would have continued with the open ended nature of provision for nominations thereby making the Sangathan unwieldly. The Rule 3 (b) was accordingly deleted. There is no proposal before the Government to reconsider this

Conversion of MG/NG Railway Lines in Gujarat

*550. SHRIMATI URMILABEN CHIMANBHAI PATEL: Will the Minister of RAILWAY be pleased to state:

(a) the details of MG/NG lines converted into BG lines in Gujarat during the Eighth Five Year Plan and those to be converted during the Ninth Five Year Plan;

(b) whether Ministry of Railways have received the proposal from the Government of Gujarat for conversion of MG/NG lines into BG;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether Ministry have any plan to taking up the gauge conversion in Gujarat through private funding;

(e) if so, the details thereof;

(f) whether Dhrangadhra Kuda gauge conversion does not require any funds from Railways; and

(g) if so, when the project will be implemented?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAY (SHRI NITISH KUMAR): (a) The MG/NG lines converted to BG in Gujarat during the 8th plan are Nadiad -Kapadvanj and Ahmedabad - Delhi. During the 9th plan, it is proposed to convert Rajkot - Veraval, Surendranagar -Bhavnagar - Dhola - Dhasa - Mahuva, Wankaner - Maliya - Miyana, Dharangdhara-Kuda, Mehsana-Viramgam and Gandhidham-Bhuj to BG subject to availability of resources.